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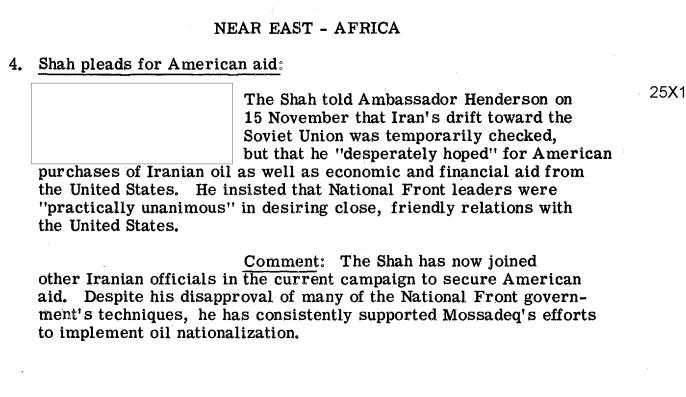
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	FAR EAST
Communist air fair war:	orce in Korea may be preparing for expanded
all war.	The Communist air force may be preparing for an expansion of the Korean air war, according to a Far East Air Force assessment.
reconnaissance	The weekly total of 17 MIG-15 sorties ob- o 16 November is the lowest in 15 months. Visual of the Yalu River combat airfields also shows that longer basing large numbers of aircraft there.
enemy's vulneral contemplating an	FEAF concludes that the withdrawal from imum number of interceptors and a reduction of the bility would be logical moves if the Communists were attack with the newly-arrived IL-28 jet light bombers. ever, no further indications of an impending offensive.
gain in the comba	Comment: The presence of up to 45 in northern Manchuria represents a significant at potential of Communist air forces in the area. no indication of the readiness or availability of their crews for commitment in the Korean air war.
observed. of whi	On 17 November 64 MIG-15 flights were ch 31 were encountered.
,	SOUTHEAST ASIA
	SOUTHEAST ASIA east charges French use germ warfare:

a French intelligence report of mid-October to the effect that the Viet Minh

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appeared concerned over possible French use of germ warfare and had issued instructions to its agent for close supervision of the Pasteur Institute in Central Vietnam.	
Comment: This is the first public allegation that the French have used bacteriological warfare in Indochina.	2 2
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5. <u>Libya requests renegotiation of US base agreement:</u>

Libya requests renegotiation of the American base agreement in a note delivered to the US Legation in Tripoli on 17 November by Suleiman Jerbi, Director General of the Foreign Office.

Jerbi explained that Prime Minister Muntasser had believed that raising the annual US payment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 would ensure ratification of the agreement. Following receipt of draft agreements for British and French bases, however, the Premier was convinced that ratification of any of these on the basis of the present terms was impossible.

The Director General indicated that Libya is sending similar notes to Great Britain and France.

Comment: The request for a renegotiation is evidence that Libya is following the prevailing Arab pattern of increasing the price for cooperation. This attitude may grow

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more pronounced if Libya joins the Arab League, which has frequently adopted an anti-Western policy.

WESTERN EUROPE

6.	Norwegian Government perturbed or	ver publicity	concerni	ng base
	policy:			
	Norwegian	officials are	greatly	disturbed

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at recent press stories concerning Norway's policy on military bases. They apparently fear that such reports, allegedly from SHAPE and NATO sources, may so weaken public confidence in the

government that after the elections it will be unable to take any positive steps. Norwegian representatives in Paris have been instructed to discuss the matter with SHAPE and to try to stop any further leaks.

Comment: The Norwegians are particularly sensitive about any publicity with regard to a possible change in their policy on military bases. They have on numerous occasions publicly stated that no foreign troops will be stationed in Norway in peacetime and apparently fear that the USSR will consider any reversal provocative.